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ABA Questionnaire on Intelligence Community Oversight				
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

24 January 1984

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Dear Fred:

This is in response to your letter, dated 28 December 1983, seeking my views to assist your study of oversight and accountability in the Intelligence Community. I would like to thank you for offering me the opportunity to participate in your study, but regret that I must decline.

As you know, I have testified before the intelligence oversight committees of Congress on several occasions. In my experience, there has been a substantial degree of cooperation in the relationship between the Congress and the Intelligence Community and, while even the best marriage is not without occasional spats, I fully believe the oversight mechanisms currently in place are effective and appropriate. Thus, I would be reluctant to respond without particularly careful consideration of each question in order to give your inquiry the attention it deserves and to ensure my remarks could not inadvertently be misconstrued. Unfortunately, the press of business and other time constraints prevent me from doing so at this time.

Nevertheless, I wish to commend the work of your group. I know the ABA Standing Committee has been a strong supporter of U.S. intelligence efforts and I encourage you to continue the fine job. I understand that Stan Sporkin, my General Counsel, also has received your letter and intends to present his personal views. I give him my full support. I'm sure his insight and experiences will provide a valuable contribution to your effort.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence